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: DRIVE DEVICE AND DRIVE METHOD FOR A COLD CATHODE  
FLUORESCENT LAMP

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Attached hereto are copies of substitute Figs. 6A-6D. Specifically, Applicants have labeled two figures that were inadvertently previously unlabeled as "6C" and "6D".

The changes indicated above have been made to more accurately correspond to the description relating to the respective figures in Applicants' disclosure.

Applicants submit that no prohibited new matter has been added to the application, and respectfully request the Examiner to indicate approval for entry of the proposed drawing changes in the next official communication.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to file Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted (copy attached) of January 28, 2002, the period for response being set to expire March 28, 2002, please find enclosed:

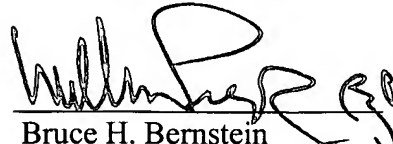
- an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- a check in the amount of \$130.00 as payment of the surcharge for late filing of the declaration.

Also enclosed is:

- a Preliminary Amendment;
- a Request for Approval of Drawing Amendment, with 1 sheet of drawings; and
- an Information Disclosure Statement, form PTO-1449, and references cited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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